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For: CARD STACK READER, CARD
THEREOF, CARD CASE, METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING CARD, GAME
MACHINE USING THE SAME,
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE
MEDIUM ON WHICH GAME
PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Examiner: J. K. Brockett

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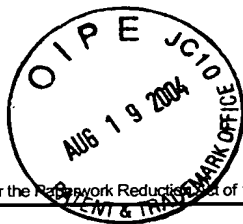
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